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SUBJECT: DAVIS FAMILY CASE

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1. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN CONSUL BELEM, AS OF 1200 LOCAL TIME JULY 6, 1976, THESE ARE THE MOST RECENT EVENTS IN THE DAVIS CASE.

2. MR. JOHN DAVIS, SR., UPON MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN BELEM, WAS DISCOVERED TO BE IN A MORE SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITON THAN EARLIER BELIEVED. MORNING OF JULY 6, MR. DAVIS HAD AN EXPLORATORY OPERATION WHICH DISCLOSED THAT THE SPINAL COLUMN HAD BEEN NICKED. BLOODCLOTS AND BONE FRAGMENTS WERE REMOVED DURING THE OPERATION. FOLLOWING THE OPERATION, MR. DAVIS' LUNG COLLAPSED AND HIS HEART STOPPED. DOCTORS WERE ABLE TO REVIVE THE HEART AND RESTORE BREATHING. MEDICAL SITUATION IS CONSIDERED SERIOUS AND CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING: MR. DAVIS IS PARALYZED FROM THE WAIST DOWN, HAS A BULLET LODGED NEAR HIS KIDNEY, BULLET WOUNDS (9 HOLES) IN HIS INTESTINES, AND HAS SHOTGUN WOUNDS IN HIS HANDS.

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3. DAVIS FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO FLY MR. DAVIS TO THE US, BUT THEY DO NOT, RPT NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR A MEDCVAC (ESTIMATES RUN FROM US\$20,000 TO US\$50,000). IT IS BELIEVED THAT FAMILY SUPPORTERS IN US WILL MAKE REQUEST THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES FOR A MEDIVAC BASED ON HUMANITARIAN REASONS OR MR. DAVIS' PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE.

4. AMCONSUL BELEM RELATED FOLLOWING VERSION ON INCIDENT. ON JULY 3 DAVIS FAMILY WAS INFORMED BY NEIGHBORS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF FENCE BY TRESPASSERS. THE DAVISES DROVE TO AREA, LEFT THEIR VEHICLE, AND, APPARENTLY ON SIGNAL, THE TRESPASSERS OPENED FIRE ON THEM. THE DAVISES WERE DISPERSED WHEN THE FIRING COMMENCED AND DID NOT RPT NOT RETURN ANY FIRE. ALL THREE DAVISES FELL TO THE GROUND AND THE TWO SONS WERE THEN CLUBBED AND BEATEN TO DEATH. MR. DAVIS, SR., LAY WHERE HE FELL FOR FOUR HOURS UNTIL SOME FRIENDS, ALERETED BY THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE, INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED HIM. THEY THEN FLAGGED DOWN A PASSING CAR WHICH TOOK MR. DAVIS TO VILA RONDON FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

5. AT PRESENT, THE DAVIS FAMILY IS CONTENT WITH THE PRESENCE OF ARMY TROOPS IN THE AREA, BUT DOES NOT WELCOME THEIR REPLACEMENT BY STATE POLICE AS MANY MEMBERS OF THESE UNITS ARE SYMPATHETIC TO SQUATTERS OR IN SOME CASES, RELATED TO THEM.

6. AMCONSUL BELEM REPORTS THAT LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN FAIRLY ACCURATE AND EVEN HANDED. NATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE (O GLOBO IN RIO AND O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO) AND LOCAL COVERAGE BRASILIA HAS BEEN VERY INACCURATE AND BIASED AGAINST THE DAVIS FAMILY.

7. AT PRESENT DAVIS FAMILY MEMBERS AT FAZENDA OR BELEM CONSIST OF MRS. DAVIS, SR., JOHN DAVIS, JR. (SON), HARLEY DAVIS (SON), EMMA DAVIS (DAUGHTER), THE WIFE OF JOHN DAVIS, JR., THE WIDOW OF BRUCE DAVIS, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND AN UNANNAMED BROTHER-IN-LAW.

8. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN AVAILABLE.
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